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Suburban rail countdown clock

Police inspector at Rajajinagar station reportedly absconding for last 2 months as post lies vacant

CURIOUS CASE OF THE MISSING COP

Efforts by police to trace absconding cop in vain

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A police inspector plays an important role in maintaining law and order in a police station's jurisdiction. So naturally it is important to have police inspectors at all police stations in the city.

Curiously enough, the post of the police inspector has been vacant at Rajajinagar police station for the last two months. No, the police inspector at the station has not retired from service. In fact, the inspector has been absconding for the last two months, we are told.

Ironically, Karnataka Lokayukta Police and the Bangalore City Police are yet to trace the absconding police inspector.

MLA S Suresh Kumar expressed concern over the vacancy of police inspector at Rajajinagar and demanded the authorities concerned to appoint a police inspector instead of assigning additional charge of Rajajinagar police station to the Srirampura police inspector.

A source said the police inspector at Rajajinagar has been absconding following a Lokayukta raid on Rajajinagar police station on September 20. The police inspector was later suspended by the police commissioner on November 2. Subsequently the police inspector of Srirampura police station has been assigned to hold the additional charge of Rajajinagar police station.

"I appealed to home minister Dr G Parameshwara and commissioner of police B Dayananda and other authorities concerned to take measures to appoint a police

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KAUSHIK JN

"Commissioner of police has suspended the police inspector. Srirampura police inspector is assigned additional charge of Rajajinagar..." – DCP (north)

The floody business

As even moderate of showers flood stretches along ORR, motorists question efficacy of BBMP maintenance

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Motorists are waylaid by constant flooding on Outer Ring Road with even moderate showers. They are now raising questions on the effectiveness of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's maintenance work along the stretch in the aftermath of rain. BBMP officials however said that 'natural' flash floods cannot be stopped by them.

Oftentimes different parts of Outer Ring Road get flooded as traffic officials can be seen unclogging the drains along stretches. Only after unclogging, vehicles can ply at normal speeds.

In another such incident, on November 22, after a spell of rain, traffic officials at Bellandur were seen using buckets to clear water from the roads. There was waterlogging from Ecospace to HSR Layout 27th Main.

"The service road near Iblur Junction gets flooded routinely, slowing down the traffic. The main road is at a higher gradient than the service road; all the water comes to the service road and accumulates there. Water bottles and other such discarded

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Musical art

Get ready to enjoy the latest edition of the Whitefield Music Festival, where 18 renowned artists from across the country are set to perform, engage, and entertain over the two days. The first day will feature Manipuri and Odissi jugalbandi by Vidushi Bimbavati and Vidushi Madhulita Mohapatra, and more. There will also be a Carnatic vocal recital by Vidushi Ranjani-Gayatri.
Where: Inner Circle Ground, Whitefield
When: November 25 and 26; contact: 9606444452

02 Go green

The Green Literature Festival (GLF) is back with its third edition. Spend a green day out with wildlife authors, graphic novelists, grassroots evangelists, film makers, conservationists, and children's book authors. The festival is one of a kind and dedicated to all forms of literature on the environment. It also features more than a dozen stalls on sustainable products and workshops by WWF India. Register at: https://greenlitfest.com/third-edition-programme/.
Where: Century Club, Cubbon Park
When: November 25; 10 am to 6 pm

Nutrition is key

The British Biologicals inaugurated its 4th nutrition plant, which is reportedly the largest in South Asia, and Southeast Asia's nutrition production unit in Bengaluru. This is a full-fledged robotic facility that delivers end-to-end production without human intervention. Also, keeps the highest quality and packaging standards as per Indian, European, and US FDA guidelines. VS Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, British Biologicals, said, "As an innovation- and R&D-driven company in nutrition for more than 2 decades, we wanted to reach out to a global audience with new and unique products produced through technology-driven expertise. Hence, we decided to bring the state-of-the-art facility, which upholds our promise of giving ideal nutrition supplements to all classes of society at a value-for-money price." He has pioneered the nutrition segment in India since 1988. — BMB

Get set go!

Kambala, buffalo race rehearsals began on Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Thursday

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Mumps surge: Keep your little ones safe

City doctors observe sudden increase in incidence of mumps among school-going children; they suggest practising good hygiene by frequent handwashing, using hand sanitiser

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Doctors in the city are noting a sudden rise in the number of mumps cases among children, marking the first substantial increase in five years.

Dr Sujatha Thyagarajan, Senior Consultant – Paediatrics and Paediatric Intensive Care, Aster RV Hospital, told Bangalore Mirror that pumps in school-going children aged 5–11 years have been observed recently.

"It is a viral infection affecting the salivary glands, causing fever and swelling in the jaw area. It is usually spread through coughing, sneezing, and contact with infected saliva. Although symptoms usually resolve over 2 weeks, complications such as deafness, brain fever (meningoencephalitis), pancreatitis, and pain in the breast or testes could occur," she said.

Other doctors added that mumps is a viral illness affecting children, mostly in less than 10-year-old age groups. The mumps component of the MMR vaccine offers protection from disease.

Dr Anuradha Vinod (Consultant, Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road) said, "Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of children with mumps, mainly unimmunised children. MMR vaccination is given according to the IAP schedule in 9 months, 15 months, and 4 and a half years. Mumps not only affect parotid glands but can also lead to complications in a few cases, like meningitis, etc. Timely and proper vaccination helps prevent the disease."

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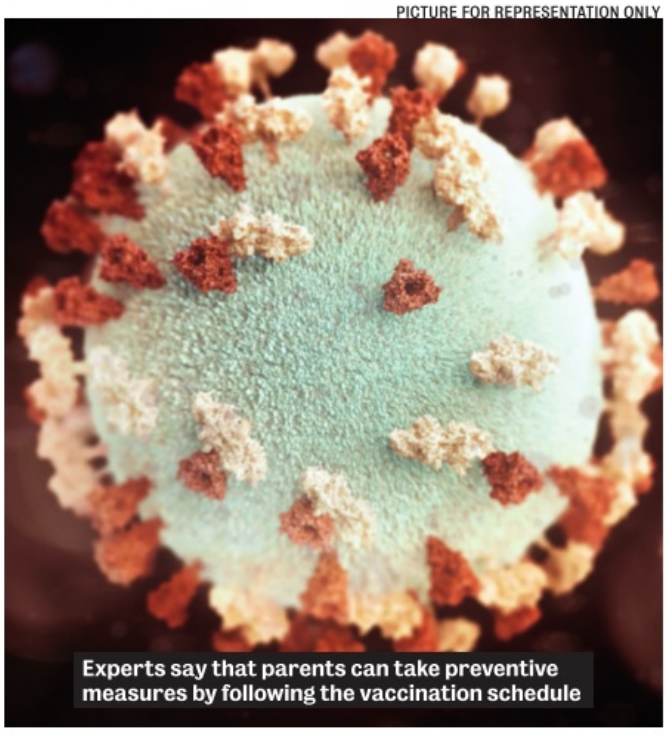

Experts say that parents can take preventive measures by following the vaccination schedule

Meanwhile, Dr Krishna Prasad (Consultant-Paediatrician, Motherhood Hospitals, Electronic City) said, "An otherwise healthy 8-year-old boy presented with fever, right-sided facial swelling, and pain. There was no history of mouth or eye dryness, skin rashes, or joint pain. Upon examination, a solitary, tender, firm swelling measuring 4*4 cm was observed in the preauricular area and cheek. Enlarged cervical lymph nodes were noted, with no discharge from Stenson's duct opening. Caries were not evident, and the oral mucosa was moist. Adequate oral hygiene was present, and a systemic examination was normal. A provisional diagnosis of viral parotitis was made. To confirm the diagnosis, an ultrasound of the neck was performed, revealing hypoechoic enlargement of the parotid gland and reactive lymphadenitis."

The child was treated with an NSAID and advised to maintain hydration, resulting in a positive response as the swelling subsided. Children in the age group of 2–8 years are vulnerable to mumps.

Experts say that parents can take preventive measures by following the vaccination schedule, promoting good hygiene practices, teaching respiratory hygiene, monitoring for symptoms, ensuring isolation during illness, and scheduling regular check-ups.

> **"Mumps not only affect parotid glands but can also lead to complications in a few cases, like meningitis, etc.**
> –Dr Anuradha Vinod

Dr Prasad added that precautionary measures against mumps include vaccination against measles and rubella (MR), practicing good hygiene by frequent handwashing, using hand sanitizers, avoiding close contact with sick individuals, and maintaining respiratory hygiene by covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. These measures help prevent the spread of mumps and reduce the risk of viral parotitis in children.

‘Crashes prompt a closer look’

Police say Bannerghatta Road area experiences over 500 accidents each year; citizens point out increase in private vehicles on road as reason

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Slow-moving traffic and road accidents are now becoming common on the city’s Bannerghatta Road. A senior police official informed Bangalore Mirror that the Bannerghatta Road area, which comprises two traffic police stations, Mico Layout and Hulimavu, along with the Nice Road stretch, records more than 500 accidents annually.

The police also added that, with the high number of accidents, the increasing traffic congestion in the area is also worrying.

“One observation is that there are a large number of malls coming up on Kanakapura and Bannerghatta Road, and there are also several apartment complexes on these roads, which is adding to the traffic congestion,” said the police.

He also added that the road and other infrastructure are not sufficient to handle the traffic load.

A resident, Satish Jhadav, told BM that the entire area has been filled with vehicles on the road since early morning.

“There are frequent cases of road rage in the area because even in the morning when people are going to schools and offices, there is traffic blockage. No matter how hard you try on the road, one vehicle will touch other vehicles, and this often leads to road rage and accidents. Everyone now owns a vehicle in the area, and this leads to many private vehicles on the road, causing jams,” he said.

The police said that they have proposed more traffic signals on Bannerghatta Road

> “There are frequent cases of road rage in the area because even in morning when people go to offices and schools, there is traffic blockage. One vehicle will touch other vehicles” –Satish Jhadav

He also added that the area lacks traffic signals, and hence the chances of accidents increase. “People often travel by internal roads, and there are no signals there. There is police patrolling, but one can’t always rely on that, and signals need to be installed to ensure road safety,” explains Satish.

Many said that due to development in the area in the past few years, they are seeing an increased number of vehicles on the road as compared to earlier.

“The problem is that these days nobody wants to take public transport; everyone wants to travel by two-wheeler, so this was bound to happen. And because there are so many vehicles and no parking spaces, people keep their vehicles on the road,” a resident informed.

The police said that they have proposed more traffic signals on the road and are coordinating with the malls, schools, and apartment complexes for efficient parking.

The police are also designating no-parking zones and enforcing them. They are following up on minor repairs to roads with concerned authorities.

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Farmer goes to Lokayukta over barricade fund fudging

Festive vibes await at VK Street Sambhrama

This Sunday, Sahakar Nagar will be the epicentre of excitement as all roads in the city converge onto the reclaimed 60 Feet Road for the VK Street Sambhrama. This spectacular event, organised by Vijay Karnataka, Bangalore Mirror, in collaboration with the Sahakar Nagar Residents’ Welfare Association, promises a special experience.

Set against the backdrop of Sahakar Nagar, the latest edition of Street Sambhrama on November 26 is not just a reclamation but a captivating fusion of entertainment, sports, and masti. From 8 am onward, the programme unfolds a tapestry of activities tailored for all age groups, featuring cine stars, TV artists, renowned singers, and other luminaries.

Venue: 60 Feet Road, Sahakar Nagar
Date and time: November 26, between 8 am and 12 pm

The festivities include diverse programmes like yogasana, kids’ painting, fancy dress competition, women’s rangoli competition, lemon and spoon race, hopscotch, marbles, skipping, pottery making, caricature, and more. Prizes that are as enticing as the activities themselves await participants in various contests. The celebration culminates at noon, leaving everyone with cherished memories. Entry to Street Sambhrama is not just free; it extends to participation in any of the numerous programmes. To register for the kids’ painting, fancy dress competition, or women’s rangoli competition, interested participants can seize the opportunity by contacting **7676668588.** –Prakash VL

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Half-finished drain work turning out to be hazard

Stormwater drain construction began before elections, but for six months things have come to a halt leaving behind trail of health and traffic problems

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The residents of Doddanekundi have raised an alarm over the stormwater drain (SWD) construction along VRR Lakeview Apartment Internal Road in Doddanekundi that has been put on hold for six months now. The unfinished work is now unattended and causing many inconveniences for the local residents and commuters.

The residents pointed out the repercussions of this stagnant project has been felt throughout the community, impacting residents' health, hindering daily activities, and severing vital connections for transport. The project was initiated before the elections, with the aim of mitigating flooding and improving drainage in the area. However, the work was left unfinished.

Prasanna, a resident of VRR Lakeview Apartment in Doddanekundi, said, "The stoppage of stormwater drain construction has led to various health issues in our area. Nasty-smelling drains are now common and the stagnant water in incomplete channels has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, raising the risk of diseases. It's not just affecting our health; it's also causing troubles for vehicles like cars, school buses, and delivery services using this road. We're compelled to take longer routes to drop our children at schools and reach offices. The deep drains are like a dangerous trap."

Work on storm water drain near VRR Lakeview Apartment Internal Road at Doddanekundi has been on hold

He further added that the connectivity to Basavanagar, a neighbouring area, has further isolated Doddanekkundi residents. This disconnection has disrupted the flow of traffic and daily lives.

Highlighting the issue, another resident, Pratyush R, said, "In Doddanekundi, we are already dealing with encroachments and dug-up roads. This stalled SWD has exacerbated the existing problems."

Indira Belde, Governing Council Member & Zonal Leader of Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) Mahadevapura, said, they had approaced former MLA Arvind Limbavali. "When we approached the former MLA regarding the halted SWD, we were informed that the current government's lack of fund sanctions was the reason. The irony is, why initiate such large projects worth Rs 5 crore, especially with the upcoming elections, knowing that there might be a shortage of funds?"

Prashanth Singh from BNP said, "We see a lot of such unfinished works in the city, causing inconvenience to the public. The political maneuvering, where funds are withheld from the opposition party to complete initiated projects, underscores the challenges within governance."

Cop out: Police on lookout for inspector

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inspector at Rajajinagar police station but nothing has been done till date. It is not good to keep the police inspector post vacant at Rajajinagar police station. I want the authorities to appoint an honest and efficient police inspector at Rajajinagar police station," said Kumar. Appealing to the police commissioner and the home minister to fill up the vacancy at Rajajinagar police station, Raghuveer S Gowda, chairman of Bangalore Central Campaign Committee of the KPCC, said that a regular police inspector would be a great help for police to maintain law and order situation in Rajajinagar. "Giving additional charge of Rajajinagar police station to the police inspector of Srirampura will not serve the purpose. It will be difficult for Srirampura Police Inspector to hold additional charge of Police Inspector of Rajajinagar Police Station," said Raghuveer S Gowda.

Coming down heavily on the police department and the home minister for not taking measures to fill up the vacancy of Police Inspector at Rajajinagar Police Station, a resident of Rajajinagar, on the condition of anonymity, opined the absence of the police inspector ensures more freedom to police constables to harass or exploit public and businessmen in the area. "It is not that the police inspector who is absconding and got suspended is an efficient police inspector. The need of the hour is to appoint an honest and sincere police inspector for Rajajinagar police station," said the resident.

Meanwhile, deputy commissioner of police (north) said efforts were made along with Lokayukta police to trace the absconding police inspector but in vain. "Commissioner of police has suspended the police inspector. Srirampura police inspector is assigned to hold additional charge of Rajajinagar police station. I am aware that Rajajinaagar and Srirampura are sensitive areas. I have informed my higher authorities about the need of appointing a police inspector for Rajajinagar police station. They will take a decision on this issue," said the DCP.

No respite in ORR flooding

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trash get stuck in drains. With the drainage blocked, water has no way to recede. We used buckets to remove water from the roads. If it rains, it always floods. Flooding due to drainage blockage can be seen near the Bellandur flyover as well," said a traffic official who was part of remedial work. Despite housing several MNCs on ORR, the tech belt of the city, the area sees regular flooding with no respite or permanent solutions. The same area was flooded during the infamous Bengaluru rains of 2022.

The worst hit assembly constituency, Mahadevapura received Rs 160 crore from the state government as part of its efforts to flood-proof Bengaluru. BBMP was also given Rs 83 crore to desilt the 800-km-long stormwater drains. "We constantly witness flooding near Eco-Space. Entire Iblur to Cessna Business Park sees severe flooding. Once it rains, water starts stagnating without a proper functional drainage system. As per the gradient, all the water should reach Bellandur Lake. All the garbage from higher gradient areas flows into the drains and choke them. Once it rains, vehicle speed is reduced considerably. A 2-km stretch takes about 25-30 minutes," said Vishnu Prasad of Bellandur Forum. Additionally, the stretch between Agara and Cessna Business Park is poorly asphalted.

"The stretch has a lot of potholes and has been poorly asphalted. This is slowing vehicles down. Iblur to Cessna Business Park falls under Mahadevapura and the stretch between Agara to Iblur comes under Bommanahalli. To resolve the issue, coordination between the zones is a prerequisite," he added.

However, BBMP is of the view that flash floods cannot be avoided. "Along ORR, the stretch between Lowry junction and Silk Board junction is seeing metro construction. In certain places, the drains have been cut open and now restoration work is ongoing. The stretch might see some flooding. We are also desilting the drains from Goregunte-palya to Tin Factory; desilting is ongoing between Vega City and Nayanadahalli. Flooding is happening due to construction activity. If there is 70 mm of rainfall in an hour, there will be flooding; otherwise there are flash floods. These flash floods recede within 30-40 minutes. As flash floods cannot be avoided, we are implementing vertical grating instead of horizontal grating. When the water flows to the side, even one inch of silt could lead to the accumulation of water. The design of vertical grating allows for more absorption of water into the drains," said a senior BBMP official.

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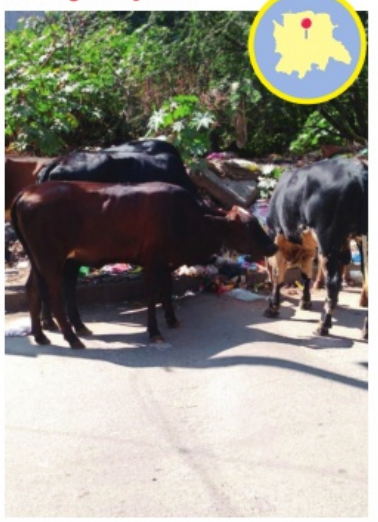
There are too many cows blocking the road near SBI Bank, PWD Road, A Narayanapura

Stinky path
JC Road

Garbage has been left unattended on the sidewalk for several days, resulting in a very unpleasant smell on the road opposite Nandhini Hotel in Minerva Circle, MTB Road, JC Road.

Jut like that
Jayanagar

A building on the corner of 6th Main and 43rd Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar has encroached footpath. This is certainly against the norms and must be looked into.

Metro stations charged up to facilitate EV use

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In another attempt to generate non-fare revenue, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has been setting up EV charging infrastructure across its metro stations. BMRCL is planning to extend this facility with 30 new swap stations at new metro stations.

Bengaluru has seen a boom in the EV sector as more players enter the market. The government subsidies and incentives for purchasing EVs have also contributed to the rush, but rising fuel costs have vastly influenced the shift. But one aspect that always bothers EV users is the inability to meet the kilometre range as compared to their counterparts, the internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. The issue will be solved by the setting up of charging stations at metro stations. This also applies to metro users who use EV vehicles to get the required battery charge to reach their destinations, as the batteries also tend to lose charge when left idle.

Starting in 2021, BMRCL has been leasing out land for setting up these charging stations to encourage more EV users. As of now, BMRCL has identified 69 metro stations for setting up the EV charging infrastructure and swapping stations. Out of them, 38 locations have been commissioned

As many as 30 new Metro stations to have EV charging point

for EV sector players, and 30 swap stations are currently under construction.

Most of the bidders have been for setting up battery swap stations. In the above 69 locations, four are two-wheeler charging stations, and the remaining 65 are swapping stations. According to BMRCL estimates, they can earn Rs 4 lakh per month, which is Rs 48 lakh per annum, from this non-fare revenue model.

Charging infrastructure will come up in Mysore Road, Lalbagh, Whitefield, Channasandra, Kadugodi, Pattandur Agrahara (ITPL), Satya Sai, Nallurhalli, Kundalahalli, Seetharam Palya, Hoodi Junction, Garudachar Palya, Mahadevapura (Singayana Palya), KR Pura, Benniganahalli, Jayanagara, RV Road, Vajarahalli, Doddakallasandra, Nagasandra, Jalahalli, Peenya, Sir M Visvesvaraya, SV Road, and Attiguppe. These will be set up by Honda Power Pack Energy India Pvt Ltd (HEID).

Additional swap stations at Majestic, Yelachenahalii, Sir MV Terminal, Sir M Visvesvaraya, Cubbon Park, and SV Road are provided by Reliance BP Mobility Limited.

In total, BMRCL has leased out 4,624 sq feet of their land for this purpose. Out of which, Honda Power Pack Energy India Pvt Ltd has leased the maximum space with 3,714 sq feet leased out to them. In 2022, HEID set up Honda battery swap stations at five BMRCL stations: Banashankari, Trinity, Baiyappanahalli, KR Market, and National College. The station was initially established for electric auto rickshaws that are compatible with the Honda Mobile Power Pack.

Clock is ticking for suburban rail project

Countdown begins as just 1,000+ days left in stipulated time

File photo of work for the suburban rail project; just about 4% of the work is over though 53% of stipulated time is over

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While there are only 35 months left for the Bangalore Suburban Railway Project (BSRP) to be completed under the stipulated deadline, only 4% of the work on the project has been completed so far. According to Citizens for Citizens (C4C), close to 53% of the stipulated time is over while the amount of work completed on the project is just about 4%, with three out of the four corridors remaining untouched. The group has begun a countdown for the project as it has been moving at a snail's pace. As of November 21, 1,065 days remain for the project to be completed.

C4C noted several problems within the organisation leading to the slow-paced work. "Need of the hour is to have a capable, hands-on, full-time MD, who can lead the organisation towards its goals. There are several vacancies that need to be filled up quickly, including the most critical GM-Finance and GM-HR. The team at K-RIDE needs to work unitedly as a well-oiled machine," the group said in a statement. They also noted that the external financing needs to be closed quickly as the work on the delayed airport corridor (C1) is dependent on it and an intermediate target needs to be set keeping the final target for the commissioning of all four corridors as of October 2026. "Tenders for C1, C4 and C3 along with tenders for rolling stock and signalling and telecommunication need to be awarded quickly," it said.

> **"Constant monitoring, review and facilitation of the project by authorities including public representatives is also the need of the hour**
>
> –Citizens for Citizens

"Constant review, monitoring and facilitation of the project by concerned authorities including public representatives is also the need of the hour. MPs and MLAs of the city and surrounding areas need to step forward. At least 4-5% per month on-ground work has to be ensured henceforth. Until now, L&T has been doing about 1% per month, which is unacceptable," the group explained, adding that plans for extending all corridor ends to adjacent towns must start to benefit commuters from neighbouring towns.

C4C will be putting up a countdown clock once a month for the next two months. From January next year, they will do so weekly. Rajkumar Dugar, founder of C4C said that the K-RIDE, after the project was sanctioned, had originally announced to maintain a countdown clock beginning from 2190 days according to the set deadline. "After all these years, I believe that this (countdown clock) will be a good way to ensure pressure on K-RIDE as well as officials responsible within the central and the state government," he said.

Strict measures needed to curb honking hazard

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With the constant surge in the number of vehicles each month contributing to the escalating noise pollution in the city, various organisations have undertaken no-honking campaigns. Now, Citizens for Citizens (C4C) has met transport commissioner Yogeesh AM and submitted a letter outlining the need for stringent measures.

The proposal suggests conducting checks on loud, shrill, and multi-tone horns not only during the initial registration process but also crucially during inspections and renewals.

Founder and convenor of C4C Raj Dugar said, "The Transport Department has a key role to play in implementing the laws regarding horns. As you are aware, all loud, shrill and multi tone horns are illegal. However, due to lack of awareness and enforcement, these illegal horns are widely manufactured, fitted, and used. During registration and inspection or renewal of registration, the application must be turned down if the horn is found to be non-compliant. This will send a strong message to all stake-holders that vehicular noise pollution (VNP) which is slow poison, is being taken seriously."

Experts say noise pollution can cause hearing damage and also increase stress levels, leading to anxiety and even cardiovascular issues. Nocturnal honking disrupts sleep patterns, causing insomnia and negatively impacting overall well-being.

The experts pointed out that carrying out strict enforcement is a must by penalising violators to create a deterrent effect. Public awareness of educating the public about the harmful effects of noise pollution can promote responsible horn use.

So far C4C has been running awareness Campaigns for over two years regarding Vehicular Noise Pollution (VNP) along with Educational Institutions, hospitals and more.

On Wednesday, an awareness campaign was carried out with 100 students from Aavishkar Academy, Ulsoor. The students made their own placards carrying messages discouraging honking. By law, 100-m radius around all educational institutions, hospitals and others are silence zones, and motorists must avoid honking in all Silence Zones.

Deepti Singh, Principal of Aavishkar Academy, said, "I am glad that the students got involved in the awareness campaign and also became sensitised at such a young age while educating the motorists."

Will B'luru become safe by year-end?

Command Centre to monitor 7,500 CCTVs set up at 3,000-plus locations to be unveiled today

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Will Bengaluru transform into a 'safe city' by year-end? This question looms large as the city police gear up to unveil the Command Centre on Friday. Under this plan, 7,500 CCTVs are being installed at 3,000-plus locations.

The second phase of the Safe City project will witness the inauguration of a dedicated command centre, situated in a multi-storied building behind the police commissioner's office. This initiative will also introduce a new helpline number, 112, and incorporate CCTV monitoring, Hoysala Command, and social media monitoring wings. The remaining 2,000 CCTVs will be installed in the second phase, with 20 safety islands in their final stages. Officials aim to complete all these works by December 31.

K Santosh Babu, DCP (Administration), said, "The Safe City project is in its final stages, and we aim to complete it by December 31. Additional safety measures will take three to four months for completion."

However, concerns are raised about the adequacy of 7,500 CCTVs for Bengaluru, given its estimated population of over 1 crore. Proposals are in various stages to increase the number of cameras and safety islands. In the first phase, 4,100 CCTV cameras and 30 safety islands were set up by March 31 this year, financed by the Centre's Nirbhaya Fund with a primary focus on detecting and preventing crimes against women.

Linking the project to the traffic management centre could enhance control over traffic violations, aiding department personnel in their duties. Critical traffic junctions, markets, deserted roads, educational institutions, offices, and transport hubs are the chosen sites for the project. It also involves installing viewing centres at individual police stations and DCP offices, providing 10 surveillance drones and 560 body-worn cameras, along with applications like Facial Recognition System (FRS) and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).

Honeywell Automation India, a US-headquartered MNC, was chosen as the service provider in October 2021, with an allocation of Rs 496.57 crore. Equipped with AI-enabled systems, the cameras will employ an AI-based video analytics platform for citywide analysis. The project includes the establishment of 'safety islands,' well-lit public areas with uninterrupted surveillance. These areas will serve as immediate assistance points for women, girls, and other vulnerable groups through an emergency call box, in addition to the 112 emergency call helpline.

Real-time monitoring systems, proactive intelligence, integrated support for women and children, a critical care response unit, and eight forensic vans are integral components of this project.

The General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure has provided training to women police staff, including 300 women constables in a specialized squad named 'Rani Chennamma Pade.'

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The dedicated command centre, situated in a multi-storied building behind the police commissioner's office, will be inaugurated on Friday

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Shakthi scheme reaches 100-cr milestone

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Karnataka's Shakthi scheme allowing free bus travel for women has reached a milestone with more than 100 crore women having used the service. Latest data from the road transport corporations (RTCs) show that 100,04,756,184 rides were taken by women commuters between June 11 to November 22. The total value of tickets issued under the scheme since its introduction amounts to Rs 2,397 crore.

The milestone is set to be celebrated by government officials in the presence of the Chief Minister and the Minister of Transport at Vidhana Soudha on November 24 at 12 pm.

The scheme allowing women domiciled in Karnataka to travel free of cost in government buses (non-premium) was one among the five guarantees promised by the Congress party prior to the elections.

Women passengers can produce any government ID to avail the service. Initially, after the scheme was launched on June 11, the government had said that it would be issuing smart cards to women who were eligible to avail the scheme in a span of three months. However, the deadline has been extended to December 2023.

It has empowered women to travel for work and leisure, while helping those from poor backgrounds to save and invest the expenses made on bus travel. Prior to the introduction of the scheme, women ridership on RTCs stood at 41.81 lakh. On November 22, the number of women having used bus services provided by the RTCs stood at 66 lakh.

On the other hand, private bus operators and auto rickshaw drivers have complained of the scheme eating away into their earnings. Regular commuters have also complained of buses witnessing massive crowds and have urged the RTCs to add buses to their fleet as well as employees for their management.

Farmer goes to Lokayukta over barricade fund fudging

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A farmer from Nanjanagud Taluk near Bandipur Tiger Reserve has filed a complaint before the Lokayukta against senior officials of Karnataka Forest Department alleging dereliction of duty and abuse of funds for forest barricades. The complaint has been filed against the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, the Conservator of Forest, the Chief Secretary of government of Karnataka, and the Additional Chief Secretary of Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

"The farmers living in the region are distressed as herds of wild elephants raiding farmlands in the area have become a frequent affair. This is after crores of rupees were spent by the forest department on creating various types of forest barricades. Animals are still venturing out frequently and raiding the farmlands. This is the reason behind most of the elephant electrocution cases. However, there is no accountability on the part of forest department officials. I have requested the Lokayukta to look into the issue," said Iqbal Ahmad, the farmer who has registered the complaint. The complainant has also raised the issue of a single contractor in the area handling solar fencing and solar tentacles projects for over a decade.

From elephant-proof trenches to railway barricades and from solar power tentacle fences to steel wire ropes, while the forest department has deployed many options to contain the jumbos and reduce human-elephant conflict cases, experts say not much has changed on-ground.

"While farmers still suffer, there is no accountability as senior officials are seldom available to listen to such complaints. It is high time that action is taken against corrupt officers for embezzlement of funds and mismanagement of reserves. For instance, while the department took up 1.5 km of steel rope fencing at

BTR two years ago, it is yet to be completed. The barriers are not maintained at my places as EPT has crumbled and the solar tentacle has collapsed leading to high conflict cases," said Joseph Hoover, former State Board for Wildlife member and founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

According to some conservationists, the revenue and private land falling in elephant corridors should be notified by the government under the Environment (Protection) Act. "Lands in sensitive areas have been taken up for construction activities. While installing barricades may bring down conflict cases to some extent, it cannot be a long-term solution. Elephants are intelligent animals and they will always have a way around these fences. Providing safe passage to the animals is the only way out," said Giridhar Kulkarni, a conservationist.

Task force

Meanwhile, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre announced on Thursday that Bengaluru's Leopard Task Force will become functional over the next two days. The Minister held a meeting with senior officials of the forest department to discuss the increasing number of human-wildlife conflict cases in the state. He also highlighted that more efforts should be made to install railway barricades, elephant containment trenches, and solar fences.

Make fare fair: Auto rickshaw drivers' plea

Union writes to transport minister urging annual revision of auto fares

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Auto fares have been revised only twice in the last decade

Autorickshaw drivers have written to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy to implement an annual revision of auto fares.

The auto-rickshaw drivers union (ARDU) has said that this would improve services and reduce dependence on private vehicles.

"Due to inadequate cooperation, auto rickshaws are not available with reliability. Drivers routinely ask for excess fares over the meter rates fixed by the government and also refuse to operate the meter. The reason for this is that the auto fares are not adjusted according to the price increase. Auto fares have been revised only twice in the last decade and even that has not kept pace with price hikes," stated the letter.

The letter suggested an amendment to the existing laws. "Section 67 (i) of the MV Act prescribes that auto fares should be fixed 'from time to time'. Unfortunately, since the word 'from time to time' does not indicate a specific period, the authorities revise the rates arbitrarily and infrequently. In this regard, it is possible to find a suitable solution if the Chairman of the regional transport authority, the District Collector, the Controller of the Legal Metrology department, the Transport department and the traffic police department discharge their duties in a coordinated manner."

They also said the Centre has already suggested a revision of the rates in line with the WholeSale Price Index (WPI) under the 2020 Motor Aggregator Guidelines. "We request you amend the law as per these guidelines. Specifically, we request you to amend the rule to read the meaning of the word 'from time to time' to 'according to the Wholesale Price (WPI) Index every year," it said.

Auto unions said that though there are over one and a half lakh auto rickshaws in Bengaluru today, it is difficult for common people to get auto rickshaws. Without a proper public transport system, excessive traffic will continue to be caused by the private use of two-wheelers and cars.

Auto stands near metro stations

ARDU which manages Metro Mitra has requested Bengaluru District Collector for the setting up of designated auto stands near all metro stations. In response, the District Collector has written to BMRCL MD to set up auto stands at metro stations.

Dowry: Man pours acid on wife's privates

A man has been accused of dousing his wife's privates with toilet cleaning acid over dowry, on Thursday, in the Bagalagunte police station limits.

The woman filed a complaint and the police have taken up a case against the husband and mother-in-law.

The woman, a 23-year-old, got married on May 19 of this year, according to the police. According to reports, the man is an alcoholic who rarely went to work. He would often pick arguments with his wife over money demands.

The accused routinely abused his wife physically and psychologically after drinking.

The woman said in her complaint that he had threatened to murder her and frequently pulled her by the hair. She further claimed that they were evicted from their home because they failed to pay their rent.

The woman filed a police report after the man poured toilet cleaning acid over her back and private parts. The victim has alleged physical abuse and dowry harassment. Police are investigating the case.

Man's bizarre moves halts car on ORR

A woman was stopped by a man gesticulating wildly in the middle of the Outer Ring Road as she was driving home from the office. The video that was recorded in the woman's dashcam footage, showed that the man first came and stood in the middle of the traffic and stopped her car. Then he came near the car and put his head on the car's bonnet.

The incident happened around 6:30 pm.

"She was scared and didn't know what to do. The man randomly came in front of her car, we don't know what he wanted," said the victim's brother.

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India Post is issuing a special cancellation for the 75th Constitution Day. One can head to the philatelic bureau at the General Post Office (GPO) on Sunday with stamps, envelopes or postcards to get the collectible available only on the particular day. A cancellation is defined as a postal marking used to deface a stamp to prevent its reuse. Such cancellations are valued collectibles and often subjects of philatelic studies.

"This year, the Department of Posts, Karnataka Circle will release a special cancellation on "Constitution Day" on 26 November, 2023. The same will be available at Bengaluru GPO and other bureaus in Karnataka Postal Circle for philatelists and general public," a statement read.

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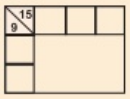
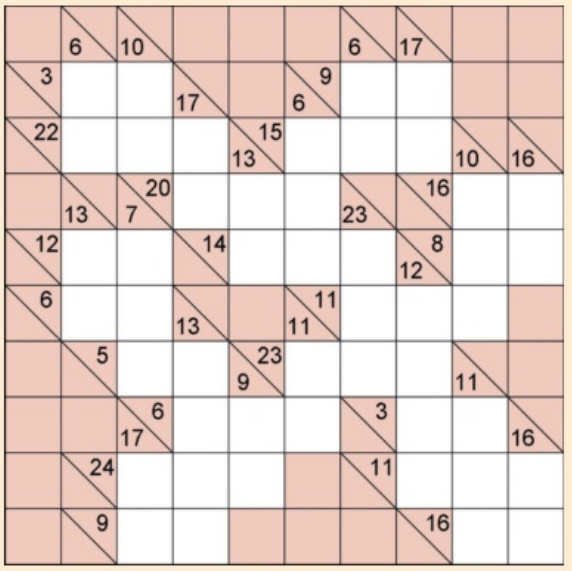
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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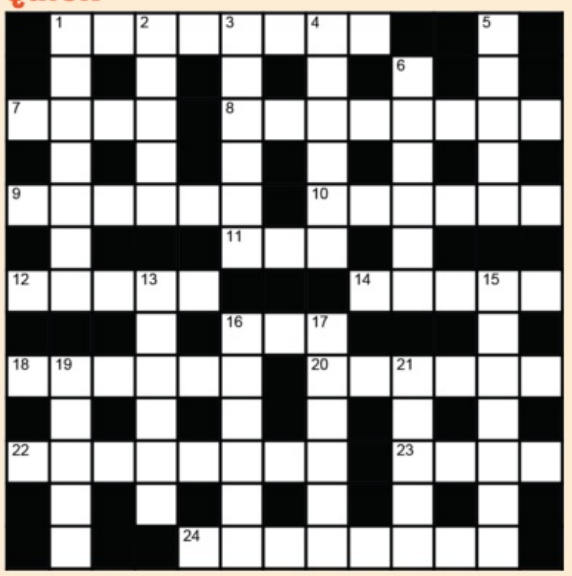


ACROSS

1 Separated grain from straw (8)
7 Musical instrument (4)
8 In this modern age of science, ____ hardly happen! (8)
9 Tension (6)
10 Absolve, condone (6)
11 Get rid of (3)
12 Alliance (5)
14 Take up as one's own (5)
16 Public conveyance (3)
18 Man of La ___ : Don Quixote (6)
20 Small village (6)
22 Chess champion Garry ___ (8)
23 Don't pass (4)
24 Rinsing or flushing out; drinking greedily (8)

DOWN

1 Market near Brigade Road (7)
2 Pass a rope through a hole? (5)
3 Indian snack (6)
4 The Continent? (6)
5 Belief system (5)
6 Scratched (6)
13 Take or fill up space or time (6)
15 ___ Tom : sly-looking chap? (7)
16 Ancient burial-place (6)
17 Large spade (6)
19 ___ of: make use of? (5)
21 Civilian clothes (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS N

VD DVU SEV QEPU ODR IUUN WVIUJWDJ TWCZDRC ODRJ SDVHUVC.

Linemaro

A hundred hearts would be too few, to carry all my love for you

Mindchow

A fall will always make a wise man wiser.

Joke of the day

Thank God I'm an atheist

Loop

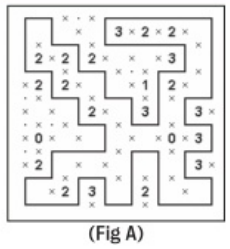
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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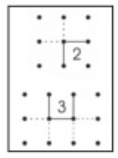
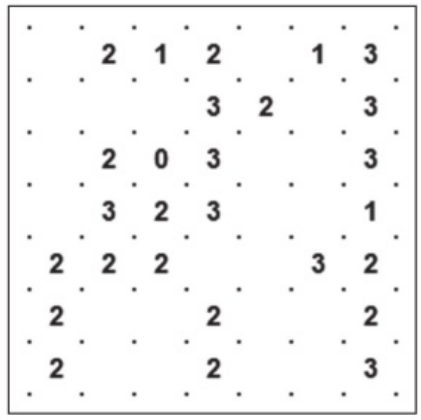


(Fig B) Not Allowed



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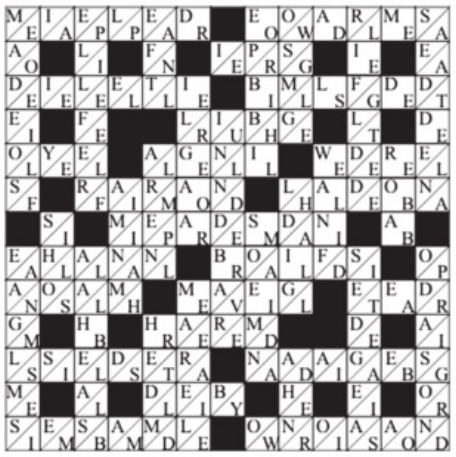

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
		X		
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Six Fe; 6 An ear; 7 Acerb; 8 Medea; 9 Dance

DOWN

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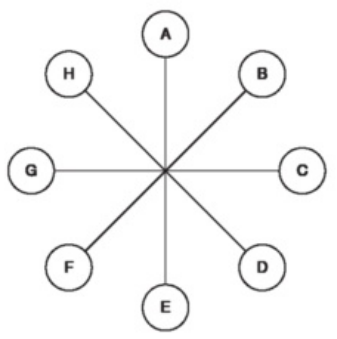
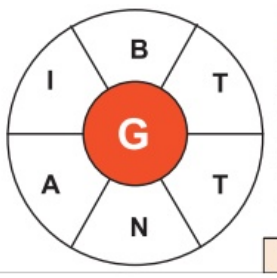
Mensapuzzle

What letter is directly opposite the letter two places anticlockwise away from the letter directly opposite the letter H?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	6						4	
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8			6	2	3			4
	3						2	
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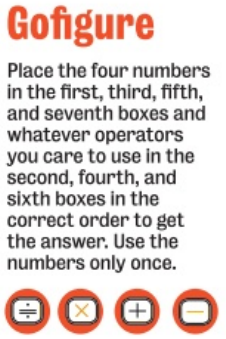
		6	4		7	1		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 5
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Medium = 24
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Hard = 2
1 6 7 4

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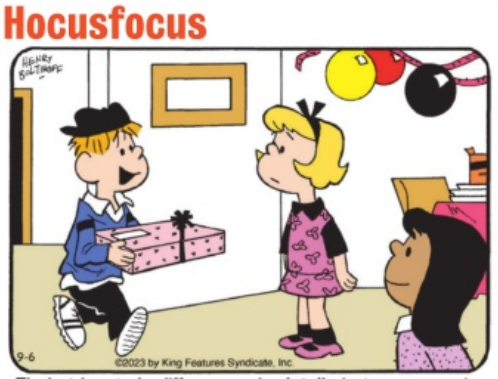


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

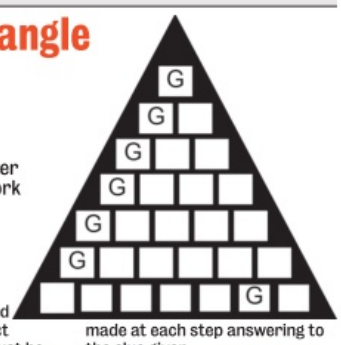
Differences: 1. Balloon is moved. 2. Sleeve is longer. 3. Bow on present is moved. 4. Sneaker is different. 5. Socks are shorter. 6. Chair is not as wide.

Riddler

Starting with AM, add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time until you reach MEANDERED.

Alpha triangle

1 Gravity, symbol
2 Depart
3 Gentile
4 Greek sandwich
5 Splendour
6 In a bloody manner
7 Three-volume work



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

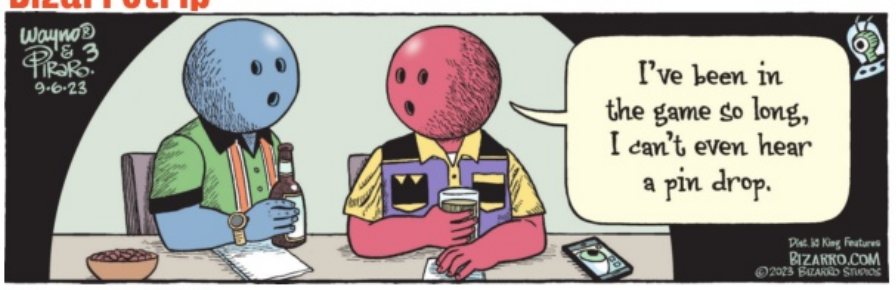
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YECH! THIS TASTES AWFUL!
EAT IT! YOU NEED THE FIBER!
BUFFALO MEAT DOESN'T HAVE FIBER IN IT!
8·23
IT DOES WHEN YOU COOK IT WITH THE HAIR ON IT
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip


Wayno & Piraro 9·6·23
I've been in the game so long, I can't even hear a pin drop.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

HOW CAN WE BE IN AN EXCITING ADVENTURE STRIP, MOOCH? WE'RE JUST HOUSE PETS!
HEY
YESHTERDAY I COUGHED UP THREE HAIR-BALLS!
SO!?!
I'D LIKE TO SEE DICK TRACY DO THAT!
9-6
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel good, and family harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential people to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well in your job, and you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will give you some confidence. Your focus on your goals is now clear; you may achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve, and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you; it may make you disappointed. Today you may have self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be able to prepare to accept challenges.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel some negativity around you, which may make you upset. You may find your responsibilities to be a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects are likely to be delayed, which will affect your professional life. You are advised to seek advice from your elders or a consultant before making any important decisions.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a positive day for you; you may get success from your hard work on the professional front. You may have good focus, and you may complete your work before time, which can improve your self-confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips, which may be beneficial in the near future in terms of your network.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to inherit some assets. You may perform with patience on the work front, which may increase your efficiency. You may be polite with the people around you. You may put fewer efforts into your day-to-day work. You may use your communication skills to gain new business in terms of progress on the work front.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment of work and domestic life. The parent's health is now okay. You may hear some good news from your siblings.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel unhappy. Some old health issues may arise, which may make you impatient. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless stuff. You are advised to control your short temper. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics; otherwise, there might be some breakups.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are likely to enjoy your domestic and professional lives. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in the completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Natives who are in jobs may get promotions.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy on the work front, but with the help of the elder's blessings, you are likely to implement some new innovations in the work. You may be ethical and follow rules in your dealings with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and inner strength.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be satisfied with your responsibilities at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace and positivity. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull. It is advised to keep your mind cool. It is the golden rule for you to think twice before any act. You may be travelling to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to achieve success. You may also be attracted to the occult.

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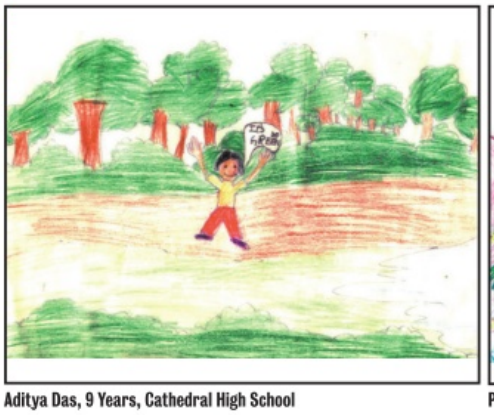
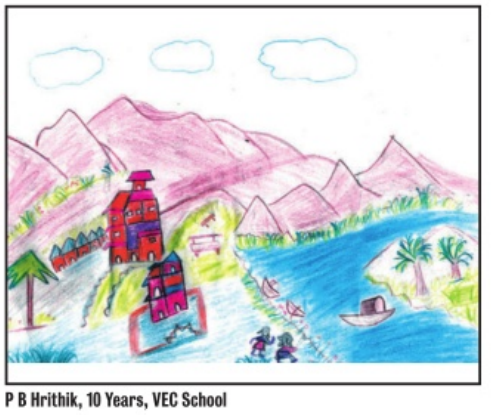


Aditya Das, 9 Years, Cathedral High School



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SOLUTIONS

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BULL'S EYE
bang, batng, BATTING, gain, gait, giant, gnat

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Go, Goy, Gyro, Glory, Gorily, Trilogy.

GO FIGURE
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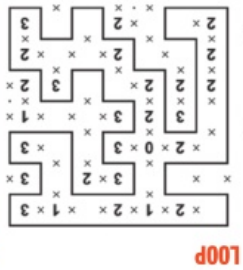
Medium
5 x 5 – 9 + 8 = 24
Hard
6 + 4 – 1 – 7 = 2

LOOP



KAKURO

MENSA PUZZLE
F.

RIDDLER
One way is: AM, MAN, MEAN, NAMED, DEMAND, AMENDED, REMANDED, MEANDERED (used)

QUOTE UNCODE
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

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Varun's stalking days

Actors Varun Dhawan and Sidharth Malhotra were seen gracing the famous 'Koffee' couch on the recent episode of 'Koffee with Karan Season 8'. 'Student of the Year' was directed by Karan Johar and launched the careers of Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan, and Sidharth Malhotra.

During the episode, Varun admitted to stalking Aisha Sharma on social media.

In a candid moment on the latest episode of Koffee With Karan season 8, Varun revealed details about the celebrity he stalked the most on Instagram.

During the rapid-fire round, he playfully confessed to stalking Aisha Sharma's social media. He said, "I think she puts out cool quotes, works out a lot and she's pretty also."

Interestingly, this isn't Varun's first time praising Aisha. He previously in the last season stated that he believes the Sharma sisters, Neha and Aisha, have the hottest gym clicks.

Karan Johar also recalled a LOL moment in which Varun sold photos of Shah Rukh Khan to SRK fans in Los Angeles.

"I will never forget the day we were shooting at UCLA in Los Angeles, where there was a crowd of people hounding Shah Rukh Khan but they had no access to Shah Rukh Khan so guess who was giving photographs to the fans on the side," KJO said.

To, which Varun Dhawan said that Sidharth Malhotra also sold the photos to admirers. Varun added, "Even he took pictures." Then Sidharth said, "You want a pic with SRK, and they get so excited and were all like, Yeah, oh my God." — ANI

Fierce like father'

Actor Ranbir Kapoor on Thursday at the trailer launch of his upcoming action thriller film 'Animal' revealed that his fierce role in the film reminded him of his late father Rishi Kapoor. The star cast of the film, Ranbir Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, Bobby Deol along with producer Bhushan Kumar and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga arrived at the trailer launch of the film in Delhi and were seen twinning in black outfits.

In the trailer, Ranbir is seen in a completely fierce avatar and in an obsessive love for his father. The 3-minute-32-second trailer hinted that Ranbir's character has turned into a fierce person because of his violent upbringing during his younger age. Ranbir's character is protective and obsessive about his father's love.

During the event, Ranbir remembered his father Rishi Kapoor and said, "Whenever I met Sandeep Reddy Vanga, I always told him to give me a reference. I have never heard or felt like this. I think eventually subconsciously, I thought of my father, the way he used to speak, he was a very passionate and aggressive man." — ANI

About Zoya

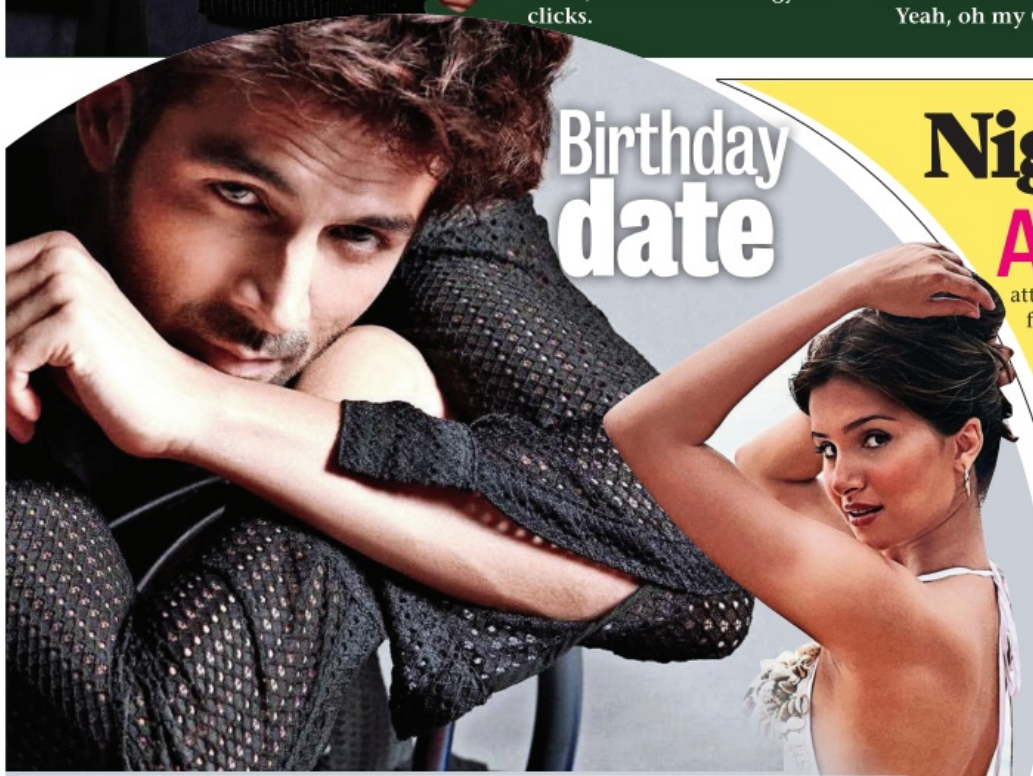
With a successful run of her latest release 'Tiger 3', where she plays a spy, actress Katrina Kaif says her character Zoya too can have an origin story.

Asked if she feels that there should be an origin story for Zoya just like Tiger, essayed by Salman Khan, Katrina told IANS: "So the beauty of the spy verse is that I think Aditya Chopra has created is there's so much room and there's so much scope for all of the characters he has created because they are so well written.

Zoya first appeared in 'Ek Tha Tiger', a 2012 action thriller film directed by Kabir Khan, where Katrina played an ISI agent. She was then seen in 2017 in the film 'Tiger Zinda Hai', where she played Tiger's wife. She then was seen in 'Tiger 3'.

All Katrina wants is a good script for a film on Zoya. "If there is a good story, my belief is a good story should always deserve to be made. So if we get or if you know, the team cracks an amazing story, which everyone's excited about of course why not. There can definitely be an origin story for Zoya," she added. —IANS

Birthday date



Actor Kartik Aaryan was seen celebrating his birthday with actress Tara Sutaria, amid dating rumours.

Others who were seen attending the birthday bash included names such as Vaani Kapoor, Rasha Thadani, Abhishek Kapoor.

Pictures from his party are doing the rounds on social media. One image shows the 'Dhamaka' star posing with Tara and Rasha all dressed in black. Rumours about Tara and Kartik started doing the rounds, when they were seen hanging out together in Mumbai. The two will also reportedly share screen space in the upcoming Anurag Basu film 'Aashiqui 3'.

Tara even wished Kartik with a picture from their photoshoot for a brand. Sharing their photo with 'Popat', she captioned: "Happy Birthday Popat! May our Scorpio energy always make brand shoots look like this".

The two have not confirmed or debunked the rumours about dating. —IANS

Night out

Actors Brie Larson and Iman Vellani recently reunited in New York City to attend the opening night performance of Monty Python's Spamalot at Broadway's St. James Theatre, after starring in MCU's latest outing 'The Marvels'.

Larson, 34, shared an Instagram carousel of the duo's outing. In the first photo, the two are seen posing with their Spamalot cups sitting inside the massive auditorium and sipping their drinks.

She captioned the post: "A night on the town with the sweetest gal around."

The second photo includes a close-up shot of Vellani, 21, winking at Larson's camera.

The final photo of the carousel includes a photo of Larson holding up her Spamalot playbill in the foreground with the St. James Theatre stage in the background, according to 'People'.

The duo was most recently seen in the all-female-superhero-starrer film 'The Marvels' alongside Teyonah Parris.

Larson played her well-known character of Captain Marvel while Vellani once again starred as Ms. Marvel, with Parris essaying the role of Monica Rambeau.

The film, which is directed by Nia DaCosta, so far has been the MCU's biggest box office flop, grossing more than $47 million on its opening day, and has currently only earned over $162 million against a budget of $270 million.

The movie was heavily criticised for its badly written script, characters, VFX, acting, comedy, action and tone.

As 'The Marvels' had gone through several re-edits, rewrites and reworking, the movie that came out was a mess. — IANS

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